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## ARTICLES

To be inquired of, in the  
first Metropolitall visitation, of the most  
Reuerend Father, GEORGE, by Gods pro-  
vidence, Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and Primate of all  
England; in, and for the Dioces of      in  
the yeare of our Lord God, 1616. and in the sixt  
yeare of his Graces Translation.



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The Tenor of the Oath, to be  
Ministred to the Church-wardens  
and Side-men.

**Y**OU shall sweare, that you, and euery of you, shall duly consider, and diligently enquire, of all and euery of these Articles giuen you in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gain, or feare of displeasure, or mallice set aside; you shall present al and euery such person, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in these, or any of these Articles; or which are vehemently suspected or defamed of any such offence or default: Wherein you shall deale vprightly and fullie; neither presenting, nor sparing to present any, contrarie to truth: having in this action God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine truth, and to suppress vice. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this Booke.



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¶ Concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

**I**Mprimis, whether haue you in your severall Churches and Chappels, the whole Bible of the largest volume, & the Booke of Common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties Authority, both fairely and substantially bound: a Font of Stones, set vp in the auncient vsuall place: a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of Silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually laide vpon the Table at time of Diuine seruice, and a faire linnen cloath vpon the same, at the time of the receiuing of the holy Communion. And whether is the same Table placed in such convenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his Prayer & administration, and that the greatest number may Communicate: And whether is it abused out of time of Diuine seruice, as is not agreeable to the holy vse of it: and by sitting on it, and by throwing Hats on it, writing on it, or is it abused to other prophane vses: and are the tenne Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and read them, and other Sentences of holy Scripture, written on the walles likewise for that purpose:

2 Item, whether haue you in your said Church or Chappell, a convenient seat for your Minister to read seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a convenient place, with a decent cloath or cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup, with a corner of silver, a flagon of silver, Tin, or pewter, to put the wine in, where by it may be set vpon the Communion Table, at the time of the blessing thereof, with all other things and Ornamentes necessary for the celebration of Diuine seruice, & administration of the Sacraments: & whether haue you a strong Chest for Almes for the poore, with three Locks and Keyes, & another chest for keeping the Bookes, and Ornamentes of the Church, and the Register Booke And whether haue you a Register booke in Parchment, for Christnings, Weddings, and burials, and whether the same be kept in all points, according to the Can-

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now in that behalfe provided : And whether haue you in your saide Church or Chancell, a Table set, of the degrees wherein by Law Men are prohibited to marry :

3 Whether are your Church and Chappels, with the Chancels thereof, and your parsonage or vicarage house, your Parish Almshouse and Church house, in good reparations : and are they employed to godly, and their right holy uses : Is your Church, Chancell, and Chappell, decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and the seats well maintained, according to the 85. Canon, in that behalfe provided : Whether your Church-warden be well fenced, and kept without abuse : and if not, in whose default the same is, and what the defect or fault is : And whether any person haue incroached upon the ground of the Church-warden, or whether any person or persons haue used any thing or place consecrated to holy use, prophanely or wickedly :

4 Whether haue you the Terrier of all the Gleabe Lands, Meadowes, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stockes, Implements, Tenements, and portions of Tithes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging unto your parsonage or vicarage, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish : And whether the said Terrier be laid up in the Bishoppes Registry, and in whose handes any of them are now. And if you haue no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Church-wardens & Eldermen, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence, with your Minister, are to make diligent inquiry and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid :

## Concerning the Ministers.

**V**Whether doth your Minister distinctly and reuerently say Diuine service upon Sundaies and Holidaies, and other daies appointed to be observed by the booke of Common Prayer : as Wednesdaies and Fridaies, and the Ceues of euery Sunday and Holiday, at fit and vsual times : And doth your Minister duely obserue the Orders, Rites, & Ceremonies, prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading publicke prayers and the Letanie, as also in administering the Sacraments, solemnization of Patrimonie, Visiting the sick, burying the dead, Churching of Women, and all other like Rites and Offices of the Church, in such manner and forme as in the said booke of Common prayer he is enjoined, without any omission or addition. And doeth he reade the Booke of the last Canons once yearely, and weare a Surplice according to the said Canons :

2 Doth your Minister bid Holidaies and Fasting-daies, as by the Booke of Common Prayer is appointed : And doth he giue warning before hand to the Parishioners, for the receiuing of the holy Communion,

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as the 22. Canon requireth: and whether hee doth administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receive the same at the least thrice in every yeere: to wit of once at Easter, as by the booke of Common Prayer is appointed: And doeth your Minister receive the same himselfe on every day that hee administred it to others, and use the wordes of Institution according to the Booke, at euerie time that the Bread and Wine is renewed, accordingly as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed: And doth he deliuer the Bread and Wine to euerie Communicant seuerally: Whether hee hath admitted to the holy Communion, any Offender or Schismaticke, contrary to the 26. & 27. constitutions, or receiued any to the communion being not of his owne Cure, or put any from the communion, who are not publickly infamous for any notorious crime: doth he use the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme, or baptize in any Bason or other vessel, and not in the usuall Font: Or admit any Father to be Godfather to his owne childe, or such which haue not receiued the holy Communion, or baptize any children that were not borne in the Parish, or wilfully refuse to baptize any Infant in his parish being in danger, having bene informed of the weaknes of the said child: and whether the childe died through his default without Baptisme:

3 Whether hath your Minister married any without a Ring, or without Banes published thre seuerall Sundaies or Holidaies in tunc of diuine service, in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, according to the Booke of common Prayer, or in times prohibited, albeit the Banes were thrice published, without a License or dispensation from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancellour, first obtained in that behalfe: Or not betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone, or haue married any in any private house, or if the parties be vnder the age of 21. yeeres, before their parents or gouernours haue signified their consent vnto him:

4 Doth he refuse to bury any, which ought to be interred in Christian buriall, or defer the same longer then he should, or bury any in Christian buriall, which by the constitutions of the Church of England, ought not to be so interred:

5 Is your Minister a Preacher allowed: If yea, then by whome. If not, whether doth he procure some who are lawfully licensed, to preach monthly amongst you at the least:

6 Doth your Minister (being licenced) preach vsually according to the Canons, either in his owne Cure, or in some other Church or chappell neare adioyning, where no Preacher is, and how often he hath bene negligent:



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ligent in that behalfe, and doth he Preach standing, and with his Hat off :  
 6 Whether doth he or his Curate upon every Sunday, when there is no  
 Sermon, reade an homilie, or some part thereof, according as he ought  
 to doe : or in case he be not licensed to Preach, doeth he take upon him  
 to Preach or expound the Scriptures in his owne Cure, or elsewhere :  
 Also, then you are to present the same, the time and place, when, and  
 where he did it.

7 Doth your Minister use to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King James  
 and for the Quenes Maiestie, the Prince, and all their Royall Progeny,  
 with addition of such stile and Titles as are due to his Highnesse, and ex-  
 hort the people to obedience to his Maiestie, and all Magistrates in au-  
 thoritie vnder him :

8 Is your Minister continually resident vpon his Benefice, and how  
 long time hath he been absent, and in case he be licensed to be absent : whe-  
 ther doth he cause his cure to be sufficiently supplied, according to the Ca-  
 nons : or in case he hath another Benefice, whether doeth he supply his ab-  
 scence by a Curate sufficiently licensed to preach in y<sup>e</sup> Cure where he him-  
 selfe is not resident. Or otherwise, in case the smalnes of the living cannot  
 finde a Preaching Minister, doth he Preach at both his Benefices usually

9 Doeth your Minister or Curate, serue any more Cures then one :  
 If yea, then what other Cure doeth he serue, and how farre are they di-  
 stant :

10 Doeth your Minister euery Sunday and Holiday, before Cue-  
 ning Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth  
 and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Tenne Commandements,  
 Articles of the Beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer, and the Sacrament, ac-  
 cording as it is prescribed in the Catechisme, set forth in the Booke of  
 Common Prayer :

11 Doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, goe in preambulation  
 of the circuit of the Parish, saying and vsing the Prayers, Suffrages, and  
 Thankesgiuing to God, appointed by Law, according to his duty, thank-  
 ing God for his blessings, if there be plenty on the earth : Or otherwise, to  
 pray for his grace, and fauour if there be a feare of scarcitie :

12 Hath your Minister admitted any Woman, begotten with child  
 in adultery or Fornication, to be Churched without license of the ordinari :

13 Hath your Minister or any other Preacher, baptized childre  
 churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any priuate  
 house, other wise then by Law is allowed :

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14 Doeth your Minister, being a Preacher endeuour and labour diligently to reclaim the Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors (if there be any such abiding in your parish.) And whether is your Parson, Vicar or Curate, ouer comertant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he is suspected not to be sincere in Religion:

15 Hath your Minister taken vpon him, to appoint any publique or priuate Feasts, Whoreries or exercises, not approued by Law, or publique authoritie, or hath vsed to meete in any priuate house or place, with any person or persons, there to consult how to impeach or depaue the Booke of Common prayer, or the Doctrine or Discipline of the Church of England: If yea, then you shall present them all:

16 Hath your Minister stayed the publication of any excommunications or suspensions, or doeth hee euery halfe yeere denounce in his Parish church all such of his parish as are excommunicated, and perseuer therein without seeking to be absolved, or doeth he wittingly and willingly keepe companie with such as are excommunicate: And hath hee admitted into your church any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinarie, or other competent Iudge:

17 Doth your Minister carefully looke to the relæse of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his Parishioners to giue somewhat, as they can spare, to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their Testaments.

18 Whether your Minister or any hauing taken holy Orders, being now silenced or suspended, or any other person of your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hold any conuenticles, or doth preach in any place, or vse any other forme of Diuine Seruice then is appointed in the Booke of Common prayer: If yea, then you are to present their names, and with whome:

19 Whether is your Curate licensed to serue, by the Bishop of this Diocese, or by any other, and by whome.

20 Doth your Minister vse such decency and comelinesse in his apparel, as by the 47. Canon is enioyned: and is he of sober behauiour, and one that doth not vse such boddy labour, as is not seemely for his function and calling.

21 Is your Minister noted or defamed, to haue obtained his Benefice or his orders, by Symony, or any other way defamed, to bee Symoniacall person, or any way noted to bee a Schismaticke, or Schismatically affected, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or doth table or lodge any such in his house: or is he a frequenter of Tauerne, Inns, or Ale-houses,

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tes, or any place suspected for ill rule : Or is he a common Drunkard, common Gamster, or player at Dice, a Swearer, or one that applieth himselfe not at his study, or is otherwise offensive and scandalous to his function or Ministry.

22 Doth your Preacher or Lecturer read Divine service, and Minister the Sacraments twice a yeare at least in his owne person, according to the Canons :

## Schoole-Maisters.

23 Doth any in your Parish take vpon him to teach Schoole, without License of the Ordinary, and is hee conformable to the Religion now established : And doth he bring his Schollers to the Church to heare Divine Service and Sermons : And doeth hee instruct his Schollers in the grounds of the Religion now established in this Church of England, and is he carefull and diligent to benefit his Schollers in learning :

## Parish Clarke and Sextons.

24 Have you a fit Parish Clarke, aged twenty yeeres at least, of honest conversation, able to read and write : Whether are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your parish : if not, then by whome are they so defrauded or denied : By whome are they chosen : and whether the said Clarke be approved by the Ordinary : and hath he taken an Oath, as in such cases is fit and required : and is he diligent in his Office, and seruiceable to the Minister, and doth hee take vpon him to meddle with any thing aboue his Office : as Churching of women, burying the dead, or such like :

25 Doth your Clarke or Sexton keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked : Is any thing lost or spoiled in the church through his default : doth he suffer any vnreasonable ringing, or any prophane exercise in your church : Or doth hee (when any is passing out of this life) neglect to toll a Bell, hauing notice thereof.

## Concerning the Parishioners.

Whether any of your Parishioners, being sixteen yeeres of age or upwards, or others lodging or commonly resorting to any House within your Parish, doe wilfully absent themselves from your Parish church vpon Sundates or Holydaies, at Morning and Evening prayers : Or who come late to church, and depart from church, before Service be done vpon the said daies : Or who do not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of Divine Service, deuoutly kneeling, when the generall



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**The** confession of sins, the Let any, the ten Commandements, and all prayers and Collects are read, and using all due and lowly reuerence, when the blessed Name of the Lord Iesus Christ is mentioned, and standing by when the Articles of the Beliefe are read, or who doe couer their heads in the Church during the time of Diuine seruice vntlesse it be in case of necessity, in which case they may weare a Night cap, or coife: And who doe giue themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiu to heare the word preached, or read: or reading, or praying, during the time afoze-said: Whether any of your parish being of sixteen years of age or vpwards, do not receiue the holy Communion in your Church thre euery yeare: toherof once at Easter, and whether they do not deuoutly knaile at the receiuing thereof:

2 Whether any of your Parishioners, being admonished thereof doe not send their Children, Seruants, and Apprentizes, to the Minister to be Catechized vpon such Sundayes and Holidais as are appointed: And whether any of them doe refuse to come, or if they come, refuse to learne those instructions set forth in the Booke of common prayer.

3 Whether any of your parish doe entertaine within their house, any sojourner, common guests, or other persons, who refuse to frequent Diuine seruice, or receiue the holy communion, as afoze-said: Present their names their qualities or conditions.

4 What recusant Papists are there in your parish: present their names, qualities, or conditions: whether keepe they any Scholemaster in their house, which commeth not to church to heare Diuine seruice and receiue the Communion: What is his Name, and how long hath hee taught there, or else where:

5 Whether any of the sayd Popish Recusants, doe labour to seduce and with-draw others from the Religion now established: And instruct their Families or children in popish religion: or refuse to entertaine any especially in place of greatest seruice, or trust, but such as concurte with them in their papistry:

6 How long haue the sayd Popish Recusants abstained from diuine seruice, or from the communion, as afoze-said:

7 Is there any in your Parish that retaine vndeaced, or sell, utter, or dispense any popish Bookes or Writings, or other Bookes, Libels, or writings of any Sectuaries, touching the Religion, State, or Government Ecclesiasticall of this Kingdome of England, or keepe any Ornaments of superstition vntancelled or defaced:

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8 Whether haue you any in your Parish, which heretofore bene popish Recusants or Sectuaries, haue since reformed themselves, and come to Church to heare Diuine Service, and receiue the Sacraments: If yea, then inho they are: And how long since haue they so reformed themselves: And whether they still remaine and abide in that conformation:

9 Is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their Children Baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the handes of your Minister, taking exception against him, and what causes or exceptions doe they alledge, or haue any married Wines refused to come to Church according to the Booke of common Prayer, to giue God thanks after their Child-birth, for their safe deliuerance: And whether doe any of, or in your Parish: refuse to haue their children Baptized in your parish church, according to the forme prescribed in the Booke of common Prayer:

10 Whether any of your Parish hauing a Preacher to their parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers: Or whether any of your parish do communicate or baptize their Children in any other parish:

11 What persons within your parish, for any offence, contumacy, or crime, of Ecclesiasticall consueance doe stand excommunicate: present their names, and for what cause they are excommunicated, and how long they haue so stood, and what parson or persons doe wittingly and vsually keepe their company:

12 Whether any not being in orders, doe execute any priestly or ministeriall office, in your Church, Chappel, or Church-yard, or what be their names:

13 Whether any in your parish, that hauing heretofore taken vpon him the order of Priest-hood or Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and liues a Lay-man, neglecting his vocation:

14 Haue any person in your Parish, quarrelled, or stricken, or vsed any violence to your Minister, or haue stricken or quarrelled with any other person within your Church or Church-yard, or demeaned himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthy or prophane talk, or any other lewd or inmodest behaviour: Or haue disturbed the Minister in time of Diuine service or Sermon, or haue libelled or spoken slanderous words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or diffamed any of his Neighbours, touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall consueance:

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15 Whether any of or in your Parish, without consent of the Ordina-  
ry, or other lawfull authority, haue caused any to doe periance, or to be e  
censured or punished for any matter of Ecclesiastical consueance, by any  
Wesley meetings, or otherwise by their owne authority: Or haue taken a  
ny money or commutation for the same: Present their names that haue  
done it, and who haue bene so punished: In what maner, and vpon what  
cause:

16 Whether any person in your Parish doe exercise any Trade or  
labour, buy or sell, or keepe open Shoppes or Ware-houses vpon any  
Sunday or Holiday by themselves, their Seruants, or Apprentices, or  
haue otherwise prophaned the sayde dayes, contrary to the orders of the  
Church of England: And whether there bee any Inne-keepers, Ale-  
housekeepers, Victualers, or other persons, that permitte any persons in  
their Houses, to eate, drinke, or play, during the time of Diuine Service,  
or Sermon, or reading the Homilies in the forenone or afternone, vpon  
those daies:

17 Whether the first day of August, and the first day of Nouem-  
ber, bee kept Holy, and Thanksgiuing made to God, for his Mercies  
and this States happy deliuerance, according to the Ordinance in that be-  
halfe:

18 Whether any of your Parish hold or frequent any conuenti-  
cles or priuate Congregations, or make or maintaine any constitutions, a-  
gred vpon in any such assemblies: Or any that doe write, or publike-  
ly or priuately speake against the Booke of Common Prayer, or any thing  
therein contained, or against any of the Articles of Religion agreed vpon,  
in Anno 1562. or against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasti-  
call, or against the Oath of Supremacie, or of Allegiance, as pretending the  
same to be vnlawfull, and not warrantable by the worde of God: Or a-  
gainst any of the Rites or Ceremonies of the Church of England now esta-  
blished: Or against the gouernement of the Church of England, vnder the  
Kings most excellent Maiesty, by Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-  
Deanes, and other Officers of the same: affirming, that the same is re-  
pugnant to the Word of God, and that the said Ecclesiastical Officers, are  
not lawfully ordained: Or whether there be any Authours, Maintainers,  
or Fawourers of Heresie or Schisme, or that be suspected to bee Annabap-  
tists, Libertines, Brownists, of the Family of Loue, or of any other Here-  
sie or Schisme, present their names:

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19 Whether any in your parish haue married within the degrees by Law prohibited, or any couple in your parish being lawfully married, liue apart one from the other, without due separation of the Law, or any that haue bene diuorced, which keepe company with any other at Bedde or at Board, and when and where were they married.

Phyfitions, Surgeons, and Mid-wiues.

20 How many Whiffitions, Chirurgions, or Mid-wiues haue you in your Parish: How long haue they vsed their seuerall Sciences or Offices, and by what authoritie: And how haue they demeaned themselves therein, and of what skill are they accounted to bee in their profession:

21 Whether doe any persons administer the goods of the dead without lawfull authority, or suppress the last will of the dead: Or are there in your parish any wills not yet proued, or goods of the dead dying intestate left by administrators: By authoritie in that behalfe, you shall not faile to present the executors, and all others faulty therein: and also how many persons being possessed of any Goods and Chattels, haue died within your parish, since the xlii. day of Aprill. 1613.

22 Whether any with hold the stocke of the church, or any goods or other things, giuen to god and charitable uses.

23 Whether your Hospitals and Almes-houses, and other such houses and corporations, founded to god and charitable uses: and the landes possessions, and goods of the same, be ordered and disposed of as they should be. And doe the Maisters, Gouernours, Fellowes, and others of the sayde Houses and corporations, behaue and demean themselves, according to the godly Ordinances and Statutes of their seuerall Foundations.

24 Whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledge, or by common fame or report, which haue committed Adultery, Fornication, or incest, or any which haue impudently bragged or boasted, that hee or she haue liued incontinently with any person or persons whatsoever: or any that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman, or solicited any woman to haue the carnall knowledge of her body, or which are commonly reputed to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common Swearers, common Slanderers of their Neighboures and soluers of discord, filthy and lasciuious Talkers, Assurers, frimicall persons, Batodes, or Haborers of women with childe, which bee vnmarrried, or conueying or suffering them to goe away before they haue made satisfaction to the congregation, or any that haue  
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heretofore bene presented, or suspected of any the aforesaid crimes, haue for that cause departed your parish, and are now returned againe. And any which haue vsed any enchantments, sorceries, incantations or witchcrafts, which are not made felony by the statutes of this Realme, or any which haue committed any perjury in any Ecclesiasticall Court, in an Ecclesiasticall cause, or which haue committed any forgery, punishable by the Ecclesiasticall Lawes, and the procurors and abettors of the said offences: You shall truly present the names of all and singular the said offenders, and with whom they haue committed the sayd offences; in case they haue not bene publickely punished to your knowledge for the same crimes.

### Touching the Churchwardens and Side-men.

**VV** Whether you and the Churchwardens, Quessmen, or Side-men from time to time, doe, and haue done their diligences, in not suffering any idle person to abide either in the Church-yard, or Church porch, in Service or Sermon time, but causing them either to come into the Church to heare diuine service, or to depart, and not disturbe such as bee hearers there: And whether haue they, and doe you diligently see the parishioners duely resort to the church euery Sunday and Holiday and there to remaine during Diuine Service and Sermon: And whether you or your predecessors, Churchwardens there, suffer any Plaies, Feasts, Drinkings or any other prophane blages, to bee kept in your church, chappell, or Church-yards, or haue suffered to your and their utmost power and endeavour, any person or persons to be tipling or drinking in any Inne or Victualling House in your parish, during the time of Diuine Service or Sermon, on Sunddaies and Holidayes?

**2** Whether, and how often haue you admitted any to preach within your church or chappell, which was not sufficiently licensed? And whether you, together with your Minister, haue not taken diligent heed and care, that euery of your parishioners being of sixteen years of age or bywards, haue receiued thrice euery yeere, as aforesaid: and also that no stranger haue vsually come to your Church, from their owne parish church:

**3** Whether haue there bene provided against euery communion, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholsom wine for the communicants that shall receiue? And whether that wine bee brought in a cleane and sweete standing pot of pewter, or of other purer Metall?



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4 Whether were you chosen by the consent of the Minister and the parishioners: And haue the late Churchwardens giuen vp a iust account for their time, and deliuered to their Successors the Poney, and other things belonging to the Church, which was in their hands: And are the Almshouses of the Church faithfully distributed to the use of the poore:

### Concerning Ecclesiasticall Magistrates and Officers.

1 Whether doe you knowe, or haue heard of any payment, composition, or agreement, to, or with any Ecclesiasticall Magistrate, Judge, or Officer, for winkling at, or sparing to punish any person for any offence of Ecclesiasticall Conuenance, or for suppressing or concealing of any Vicar, or any other offender in the cases aforesaid: What sum of money, or other consideration hath bene received or promised, by or to any of them, in that respect, by whom, and with whom:

2 Hath any person within your parish, paid or promised any summe of money or other reward, for commutation of penance for any crime of Ecclesiasticall Conuenance: If so, then with whom: when, and for what, and how hath the same bene employed:

3 Are your Ecclesiasticall Judges and their substitutes Pastors of Artes, or Batchelours of the Lawes at the least, learned and practised in the Civill and Ecclesiasticall Lawes: Men of good Life and Fame, zealously affected in Religion, & iust and byright in executing their offices: Haue they heard any matter of office privately in their chambers, without their Sworne Registers, or their Deputies presence:

4 Doe you knowe, or haue you heard, that any Ecclesiasticall Judge, Officer, or Minister, haue received or taken any extraordinary Fees, or other rewards or promises, by any waies or meanes, directly or indirectly, of any person or persons whatsoever, either for the granting of the administration of the Goods and Chattells of those that haue died intestate, to one before another, or for allotting of larger portions of the goods and Chattells of those that haue died intestate, to one more then to another: or for allotting large and unreasonable accounts, made by Creditors or Administrators: or for giuing them Quictus est, or discharges, without Inuentory or account, to defraud Creditours, Legataries, or those who are to haue portions. And what summes of money doe you knowe, or haue you heard, that any Ecclesiasticall Judge or Officer hath taken out of the state of any dying intestate, upon pretence to bestow the same in pious uses: & how haue the same bene bestowed:

5 Hath any Ecclesiasticall Magistrate, Judge, Officer, or any other,

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exercising Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this your Diocesse: or any Advocate, Register, Proctor, Clerkes, Apparitors, or other Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacting or taken by any waies or meanes, directly or indirectly, extraordinary or greater Fees then are due and accustomed: And whether is there any able for the rates of all Fees set by in their severall Courts and Offices: And whether have they sent or suffered any Proccesse to go out of the Ecclesiasticall Courts otherwise then by Law they ought: Or have they in them the Office of Informers or Promoters to the saide Courts, or any other way abused themselves in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalfe provided:

6 What number of Apparitors have every severall Judge Ecclesiasticall: and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey overburthened by them: and how have they caused summoning up to appear in the saide Courts without a prelenament or Citation as it had: or whether have they obtained any to prosecute them in the saide Courts, if they would not give them some rewardes, and what bribes in that behalfe have they taken:

If you knowe of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall Conusance, you are to present the same by vertue of your Oathes:

The Minister of every Parish, may be ought to loyne in presentment with the Churchwardens and Swormen, and if they will not present, the Minister may and ought himselfe present the defaults & crimes, aforesaid: and there must be severall presentments made to every severall article: and the Minister, Churchwardens, and Swormen, are to meete and confer about the said presentments, and answering of every of the aforesaid Articles.

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